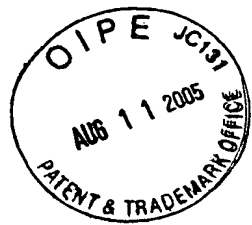


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COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO APRIL 7, 2005 OFFICE ACTION AND  
PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Communication is submitted in response to the April 7, 2005 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the April 7, 2005 Office Action was originally due July 7, 2005. Applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time. The required fee is \$60.00 and a check for that amount is enclosed. With the one-month extension, a response to the April 7, 2005 Office Action is now due on August 7, 2005. However, because August 7, 2005 falls on a Sunday, a response filed on the next business day, i.e. Monday, August 8, 2005, is considered timely. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.

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